

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A cylindrical duct having a peripheral wall with cylindrical inner and outer surfaces, a wire extending longitudinally of said duct between said inner and outer surfaces, said duct being of a first plastic material, an external stripe of a second plastic material extending longitudinally of said duct in alignment with said wire, and said second plastic material being exposed on said outer surface and having a different visual appearance than said first plastic material.

2. (original) The duct of claim 1 wherein said second plastic material has a different color than said first plastic material.

3. (original) The duct of claim 1 wherein said second plastic material is softer than said first plastic material.

4. (original) The duct of claim 1 wherein said first plastic material is high density polyethylene and said second plastic material is a lower density polyethylene.

5. (original) The duct of claim 1 wherein said wire is located at an interface between said first and second plastic materials.

6. (original) The duct of claim 1 wherein said wire is encapsulated in said second plastic material.

7. (original) The duct of claim 1 wherein said first and second plastic materials and said wire are coextruded and said first and second plastic materials are crosslinked.

8. (original) The duct of claim 1 wherein said second plastic material forms a concave depression in said outer surface extending longitudinally of said duct.

9. (original) The duct of claim 1 wherein said second plastic material forms a convex bulge in said outer surface extending longitudinally of said duct.

10. (original) A method of providing an external locator stripe for a wire embedded in a peripheral wall of a conduit comprising the steps of coextruding a duct of a first plastic material together with a wire and a stripe of a second plastic material that overlies the wire.

11. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein said step of coextruding is carried out with a first plastic material of high density polyethylene and a second plastic material of a lower density polyethylene.

12. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein said step of coextruding is carried out, with a second plastic material having a different color than said first plastic material.

13. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein said step of coextruding is carried out by locating said wire at an interface between said first and second plastic materials.

14. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein said step of coextruding is carried out by encapsulating said wire in said second plastic material.

15. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein said step of coextruding is carried out by extruding said second plastic material to provide a depression therein extending longitudinally of the exterior surface of said conduit.

16. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein said step of coextruding is carried out by extruding said second plastic material to provide a convex bulge therein extending longitudinally of the exterior surface of said conduit.

17. (new) A cylindrical duct having a peripheral wall with generally cylindrical inner and outer surfaces, a wire extending longitudinally of said duct between said inner and outer surfaces, said duct being of high density polyethylene plastic material, said wire being covered solely by an external stripe of a lower density polyethylene plastic material that extends longitudinally of said duct, said lower density polyethylene plastic material having a lower density than said high density polyethylene plastic material, said stripe of lower density polyethylene plastic material having a stripe outer surface that is exposed on said duct outer surface, and said stripe outer surface being of a different color than said duct outer surface.

18. (new) The duct of claim 17 wherein said high density polyethylene plastic material and said lower density polyethylene plastic material are of different colors.

19. (new) A cylindrical duct having a peripheral wall with generally cylindrical inner and outer surfaces, a wire extending longitudinally of said duct between said inner and outer surfaces, said duct being of a first plastic material, said wire being covered solely by an external stripe of a second plastic material that extends longitudinally of said duct, said second plastic material being of a lower density softer plastic material than said first plastic material in the hardened solidified state of said first and second plastic materials, and said first and second plastic materials being compatibly crosslinkable and being crosslinked at an interface therebetween.

20. (new) The duct of claim 19 wherein said first and second plastic materials are of different colors.

21. (new) The duct of claim 19 wherein said stripe has a stripe outer surface that is of a different color than said duct outer surface.

22. (new) A cylindrical duct having a peripheral wall with cylindrical inner and outer surfaces, a wire extending longitudinally of said duct between said inner and outer surfaces, said duct being of a first plastic material, said wire being covered solely by an external stripe of a second plastic material that extends longitudinally of said duct, said second plastic material being bonded to said first plastic material and being softer than said first plastic material

in the hardened solidified state of said first and second plastic materials, said stripe of said second plastic material having a stripe outer surface that is exposed on said duct outer surface, and said stripe outer surface having a different visual appearance than said duct outer surface.

23. (new) The duct of claim 22 wherein said stripe outer surface and said duct outer surface are of different colors.

24. (new) The duct of claim 22 wherein said first and second plastic materials are of different colors.

25. (new) The duct of claim 22 wherein said first and second plastic materials are compatibly crosslinkable and are crosslinked at an interface therebetween.